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**2012 Kuskokwim Bay Salmon Fishery News Release 13
Districts 4 and 5 to Open to Commercial Salmon Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Bethel for commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

District 4, Quinhagak

District 4, Quinhagak, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 and again for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Preliminary harvest reports from the August 17 opening indicate a harvest of 2,607 coho; 8 chum; 5 sockeye; and 8 Chinook salmon from 31 permits. Coho salmon harvest was below average and catch rate was average for that date.

In District 4 subsistence salmon fishing will be closed 8 hours before, during, and 4 hours after each commercial fishing period.

District 5, Goodnews Bay

District 5, Goodnews Bay, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 and again for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Preliminary harvest reports from the August 17 opening indicate a harvest of 2,516 coho; 117 sockeye; and 7 chum salmon from 26 permits. The coho salmon harvest and harvest rate were average.

In District 5 subsistence salmon fishing will be closed 8 hours before, during, and 4 hours after each commercial fishing period.

The Department will be closely monitoring commercial fishing periods to assess fishery performance and anticipates announcing additional commercial fishing periods as warranted. Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

For additional information or questions regarding Districts 4 and 5 and Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 855-933-2433.

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